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1. 16 June 1949

A large engineer depot, where allegedly ordnance materiel was repaired, was observed in KETSCHENDORF (N 53/V 33). Passenger car and trucks were seen there:

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2. 18 June 1949

The following materiel was stored in workshop No. 3 of the KETSCHENDORF cable factory on 18 June 1949:

- More than 200 antiaircraft guns, mounted on four-wheel carriages
- More than 100 mortars of about 45 mm caliber, mounted on two-wheel carriages
- About 100 searchlights
- About 20 howitzers
- 40 tank engines
- *Several hundred "Pushka-122"

Some of the guns allegedly were assembled in the cable factory. The assembled or repaired weapons were then distributed to Soviet army units. For example, 80 mortars allegedly for JESSEN (N 52/E 56) were loaded on 15 June 1949.

c. The following ordnance materiel was stored in other workshops of the KETSCHENDORF cable factory:

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15 trucks, equipped for the transportation of troops
 20 new radio trucks
 10 prime movers
 Engineer equipment
 Several hundred field glasses

3. # [] Comment:

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The "Pushka-122" is allegedly an antitank weapon with a barrel 8' to 9'10" long. Inquiries are under way.

4. [] Comment:

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a. On par 1:

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(1) the KETSCHENDORF engineer depot, apparently located in a former German engineer depot [] between the KETSCHENDORF railroad station and the Rab River), was reported to have been evacuated in mid-1948. German uniforms, articles of equipment for about ten-thousand men and several thousand new bicycles and motorcycles were stored there in April 1949.

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(2) [] ordnance materiel was not repaired in the engineer depot, but in the large ordnance depot housed in the buildings of the former "Deutsche Kabelwerke" (DEKA) (German Cable Works).

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b. On par 2: An ordnance depot, as well as an ordnance repair shop, has been known to be located in the KETSCHENDORF Deka Works since mid-1947.

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(1) The ordnance depot and ordnance repair shop are very important in supplying the Soviet units stationed in this area.

(2) The reported stocks (of guns) are considerably higher than those of other known ordnance depots.

(3) The ordnance depot may be assumed to be also an ordnance distributing point, where repaired or new ordnance materiel is distributed and dispatched to Soviet Army units.

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